

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates only is a timely example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves. What happened to bipartisanship?

During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.